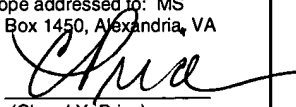


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2006, for which a response was due on July 3, 2006, and for which a one-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from July 3, 2006, to August 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

There are no amendments to the drawings.

Amendments to the specification and claims begin on pages 2 and 3 respectively.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5.